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Campaign 25X1A

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1. High officials of the Philippine Ground Forces (PGF) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) have begun an unofficial investigation to determine whether or not reports of HEB casualties which have been filed by the 7th Battalion Combat Team (BCT) are accurate. This unit is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Napoleon Valeriano.*

2. The following is a comparison of reports from the 7th BCT with those of other active BCTs of the First and Second Military Area:**

4th BCT: 51 HEB personnel killed in action 670 arms captured.

5th BCT: 64 HEB personnel killed in action 900 arms captured.

7th BCT: 81 HEB personnel killed in action 10 arms captured,***
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25X1X * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that Valeriano reportedly was scheduled to go to Korea with the 20th BCT as part of an alleged effort by President Quirino to rid the Army of mutinous elements. [REDACTED] reported that various observers who have visited the 7th BCT have claimed that the unit appeared to be exceptionally alert, aggressive, and battleworthy. [REDACTED] reported that Valeriano estimated in December 1950 that the campaign of HEB forces in Luzon had been set back 12 months as a result of 7th BCT operations. [REDACTED] reported that under the recent AFP reorganization, Valeriano was scheduled to become Chief of the First Military Area with command of five BCTs.

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. There is no indication of the period covered by these figures.

25X1A *** [REDACTED] Comment. In view of the small number of arms captured by the 7th BCT, military leaders, including Lieutenant Colonel Alogio Balao, believe that Valeriano has been padding the totals of HEB personnel his unit has killed in action. Valeriano's unit also has captured fewer HEB documents than the other active BCTs. Previous indications that Valeriano's unit was in complete control of the HEB situation in Bulacan may thus have been overstated, according to PGF officials.

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